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- Under instruction of Russian authorities, the Soviet Zone railroad administration recently constructed a so-called "outer freight ring" around Berlin. Its purpose was to absorb all intra-zonal traffic which would otherwise have to be routed through the West Sectors of Berlin. A few months of operation have shown that the newlyconstructed lines are still not sufficient to handle all essential traffic. It is now rumored that Soviet General Kvashnin, chief of the transportation section at SMA, committed suicide because his report, of the complete elimination of Western Berlin as an essential rail link in the Soviet Zone transportation system, was proven false. It is also alleged that the recent arrest of the former chief of the DDR railroads, Kreikemeyer, was prompted by the premature report.
- In order to rectify the condition and eliminate the necessity of using any track under Allied control, the following program of construction is now planned:
  - a. The section Jueterbog-Belzig-Rathenow-Loewenburg will be prepared as a second "outer freight ring," This will necessitate improvement of the right-away and of various sidings on the section Rathenau-Loewenburg. For this purpose DM 15 million have been set aside from the emergency railroad construction fund of DM 51 million for 1950.
  - b. The section Teltow-Schoenefeld will have to be rebuilt since the present freight line Lichtenrade-Schoenefeld still traverses part of the U. S. Sector of Berlin. For this construction another DM 15 million have been set aside from the fund.
  - a. The marshalling yards at Seddin and Wustermark are scheduled to take over the traffic now handled by the freight yards of Moabit, Halensee, Charlottenburg, Wilmersdorf, Tempelhof-Ring, Neukollr, Grunewald, and Tempelhof. The new yards will also have to be provided with freight loading and unloading ramps. DM 4.5 million have been allotted for that purpose.
  - For the eastbound transit traffic a new freight station will be built at Frankfurt/Oder, three km south of the present one. It will be known as Frankfurt-Grenze (border).

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- The section Gruenau-Koenigswusterhausen will have to be double tracked, one track for freight and one track for the commuter lines. This program will also necessitate the expenditure of DM h.5 million.
- 3. The Reichsbahndirection Berlin (DDR railroad directorate) has secretly prepared to withdraw its special rolling stock (medical cars and equipment cars) from the rail stations in the West Sectors, principally Grunewald and Tempelhof. This matter has been published in the "Tagesspiegel" of 3 September 1950.



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